

REMARKS

Applicants thank the Examiner for acknowledging the claim for priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119, and receipt of a certified copy of the priority document in this Application's parent, 09/789,666.

Applicants thank the Examiner for considering the references cited with the Information Disclosure Statement filed March 12, 2004.

Status of the Application

Claims 1-35 are all the claims pending in the Application, as claims 2-35 are hereby added. Claim 1 stands rejected.

Claim Objections

The Examiner has objected to claim 1 due to an alleged informality. Applicants respectfully submit that the Examiner's objection is incorrect, as "a substrate" in line 2 of claim 1 is the first recitation of any "substrate" after the claim preamble. Thus, "a substrate" is proper. Accordingly, withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

Anticipation Rejection

The Examiner has rejected claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being alternatively anticipated by what he labels “*Applicants Admitted Prior Art*” (hereinafter “*Related Art*”)¹ or by *Suhara* (US 6,108,900; hereinafter “*Suhara*”). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Applicants respectfully submit that neither the *Related Art* nor *Suhara* teach or suggest any particular ability to provide a “substrate in the same manner when the substrate is a lone discrete substrate or an independent unit substrate consisting of a plurality of discrete substrates.” The *Related Art* is directed only to a substrate for multiple devices, while *Suhara* is only directed to one type of circuit substrate (CS).

Thus, Applicants respectfully submit that independent claim 1 is patentable over the applied references, and respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw this rejection.

New Claims

Claims 2-35 are hereby added. Claims 2-35 are fully supported *at least* by FIGS. 8-18 of the instant Application. Claims 2-35 are respectfully submitted to be allowable by virtue of the features recited therein.

¹ Applicants note that the instant Application labels this art as “related.” Thus, Applicants do not concede that it is applicable “prior art” to the claims herein.

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Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1-35 are allowable.
Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the application now is in condition for allowance with all of the claims 1-35.

If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Please charge any fees which may be required to maintain the pendency of this application, except for the Issue Fee, to our Deposit Account No. 19-4880.

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